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To: Kevin Mayer/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
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 Subject: Some basic info on Assembly Select Hearing July 10th 1PM to 4PM

Kevin:

I think we are still trying to finalize the agenda, discussions, and speakers for the July 10th afternoon hearing of the Assembly Select Committee on Groundwater Quality and Availability in Sacramento. Assembly Member Carol Liu is the Chair, and her staff Theo Cline is putting the hearing together. The hearing is titled is "Life Cycle of a Contaminant", and will cover how groundwater contamination occurs, the chemical nature of various contaminants, and how groundwater contamination affects our drinking water supplies. The agenda which may still be adjusted somewhat is:

Thursday July 10 - 1 to 4 PM
 State Capitol Room 447

Groundwater Contamination in the Headlines - Chris Frahm, Jenny Carbuccia GRA

How did we get where we are? - Randy Marx, Brown & Caldwell
 Overview & background on policy, law, and regulations development for addressing environmental issues related to contamination, focused on groundwater contamination identification, evaluation, and remediation.

Life Cycle of Contaminants - Clint Church, USGS
 Nature of contaminants - (natural and anthropogenic)
 Contaminant travel and transformation through the environment

MtBE - Clint Church, USGS
 What it is
 What is its source
 How does it typically move in the environment?
 Why is it a problem health wise?
 How is it being dealt with?

Nitrates - Roy Schroeder, USGS
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Perchlorate - SWRCB or Kevin Mayer, USEPA
 What it is
 What is its source
 How does it typically move in the environment?
 Why is it a problem health wise?
 How is it being dealt with

Developing Clean-up Levels David Spath, DHS
 Public health goals
 MCLs
 Use of PHGs and MCLs

Contaminant Du Jour and Emerging Contaminants - Tim Parker, GRA

Why do we keep finding ourselves reacting to the latest contaminant?

Background development of analytical tool and phenomena of lower detections levels and new tools to analyze for more constituents

What are the emerging contaminants?

What are some of the other challenges?

What are the issues we need to consider in the future?

Water Purveyor Perspective - Purveyor rep

What do MCLs and PHGs mean to a water purveyor?

What happens when a water source is contaminated?

What actions can the water purveyor take?

What about public perception?

Public Comment

Each main topic should be 15 to 20 minutes - and the audience is considered non-scientist. If you can help, that would be great - it is a great opportunity to be an educator of policy makers - please call me or Theo Cline with any questions. There will be a laptop and powerpoint projector available - overhead if requested.

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